In view of the above, it can be seen that the supply against the indents of Ayurvedic dispensaries/Units is made without delay.

(b) No, Sir. The present arrangements for supply of medicines to Ayurvedic dispensaries/Units is functioning satisfactorily.

In addition to the regular indents, the Ayurvedic dispensaries/Units can obtain urgently required medicines by hand on the same day from the CGHS Ayurvedic store Depot.

(c) to (e) In view of (a) and (b) above, the questions do not arise.

**Counselling for Reserved Seats in Medical Colleges**

2773. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of students aspiring to become doctors face an uncertain future due to Government's decision to postpone the second round of counselling for the reserved seats in the Medical Colleges all over the country; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) and (b) The second round of counselling for allotment of MBBS/BDS seats under 15% All India quota seats for 2003 was scheduled to be held from 18-7-2003 to 26-7-2003. However, it was postponed in compliance to directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 10-7-2003 in I.A. No. 15 of 2003 in W.P.O. No. 443 of 1992-Sharwan Kumar *Vs* DGHS & Ors filed against the order of Maharashtra Government disallowing admission to the All India quota seats for 2003. The matter was again heard by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 24-7-2003 and staying the further operation or execution of the Act/order of Maharashtra Government, the Hon'ble Court further directed the Authorites to proceed to complete the counselling of students selected under 15% All India quota as early as possible and the State shall admit the students. In compliance to these directions, the second round of counselling has been rescheduled to be held from 21-8-2003 to 29-8-2003.

**Training for Health Workers to Deal With Spurious Drugs**

2774. PROF. SAIF-UN-DIN SOZ : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that spurious drugs have flooded the markets in the country; and

(b) whether Government consider it necessary to impart training on the spurious drugs for the concerned health workers?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) As per feedback available from the State licensing authorities during the period 2000-2001, 2001-2002 & 2002-2003 36947, 34574 and 36314 samples were tested and out of which 112,98 and 125 samples were found spurious respectively. Thus, there does not appear to be any flooding of the markets in the country by spurious drugs.

(b) 26 Drug Control Officers from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Pondicherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, UP and 2 Officers of CDSCO, have attended a training programme on 24-27 June, 2003 at FDA Mumbai, on investigational skills concerning developing intelligence, investigation, drafting of complaint and effective follow up of the cases filed in the court of law. The training acquired would help them in gaining expertise in tackling the menace of spurious drugs.

**Shortage of Water in Safdarjung Hospital**

2775. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi has been facing an acute shortage of water since the on-set of summer;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to acute shortage of water, the Hospital authorities have been forced to compromise on hygiene in the Hospital; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) to (d) Due to short supply of water from New Delhi Municipal Council and drying of few tube wells, there has been shortage of water in Safdarjung Hospital. To overcome this shortage,